



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2019

3,312: Model WTO

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (40%, 60 mins.)

Decentral - Group examination paper (all given the same grades) (40%)

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,312,3.00 Model WTO](#) -- Englisch -- [Malacrida Reto](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

No prerequisites.

For information on how to apply, see www.model-wto.org/chairs/applicationaschair

The deadline for the Chair application is 28. August 2019. Candidates need to send their CV and a motivational letter in English.

The e-mail address is: applications@model-wto.org. There is no bidding for this course.

Course content

The Model WTO

The Model WTO (www.model-wto.org) is a simulation of WTO negotiations. The event has been organized by student teams from the University of St.Gallen since 1997. To get a better understanding of the event, take a look at these short videos: www.model-wto.org/model-wto/videos/

The Model WTO 2020 is expected to take place just before Easter in the first half of April 2020. The precise dates have yet to be confirmed. Attendance is required.

The organisers of the Model WTO indicate on their website (www.model-wto.org/model-wto/vision-and-mission) that the simulation serves to provide an opportunity for students to engage with important global issues in the simulation framework of the WTO. The active involvement of WTO officials, trade professors, institutes and well known NGOs in the field allows for a vivid debate and exchange of creative ideas in the realistic context of the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

Next year's topic has yet to be determined. For the topics of past editions and pictures, see www.modelwto.org/participants/past-editions/

Objectives of the Model WTO course of the University of St.Gallen

The Model WTO course offered at the University of St.Gallen prepares a small group of 12 Bachelor students for their role as Chairpersons of the simulation. In the autumn term, the main focus of classes will be on giving the selected students a general introduction to the objectives of the WTO, its work and structure, and the various challenges faced by the organization. One of the sessions will be held at the WTO in Geneva, with invited trade diplomats from various WTO Members. In the spring term, classes will focus on next year's topic for the Model WTO and on preparing students for the event. The participation of students as Chairpersons of the Model WTO simulation is an integral part of the course. They prepare for one specific committee, meaning



one precise sub-topic of next year's overarching topic, and are going to chair that committee's negotiations.

For more information on the Chairpersons' roles, see www.model-wto.org/chairs/role/ and the videos at www.model-wto.org/model-wto/videos/.

Course structure

The course extends over two semesters, the autumn semester 2019 and the spring semester 2020. Credits are earned only upon completion of both parts of the course, that is to say, at the end of the spring semester 2020. The schedule of classes for the autumn semester 2019 is basically as follows: Seven sessions will be held (four hours for each session). At the beginning, sessions will be once a week, later in the term the sessions will be further apart. Around mid-November, a session will be held at the WTO Secretariat in Geneva. Please refer to the Stundenplan online for specific dates.

The schedule of classes for the spring term 2020 has not yet been established, but it is expected that there would be at least two sessions (one in early February, the other in March; four hours each), probably with an additional telephone conference with each Chair team.

The Model WTO (to be held in spring of 2020) extends over a full week. Full attendance during the Model WTO week will be required. It will not be possible to attend other classes during that week.

Course literature

At the beginning of the semester, mandatory readings (compiled in a reader) will be available at the Skriptenkommission and/or on StudyNet. A short book may also need to be purchased.

Additional course information

Participation in the Model WTO course is possible only through a special application process (see above and <http://www.modelwto.org/chairs/applicationaschair/>).

For additional information, contact the course lecturer: Dr. Reto Malacrida (reto.malacrida@unisg.ch).

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (40%, 60 mins.)

Remark

60 minutes

Examination-aid rule

Open Book

Students are free to choose aids but will have to comply with the following restrictions:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments **TI-30 series** are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Group examination paper (all given the same grades) (40%)

Remark

So-called Chair paper

Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
- The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the APA or MLA standards. The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into the text in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C. (2017), Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (12th ed., Cornelsen Schweiz).
- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2018, Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (6. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English



Examination content

(i) Students will have to write a Chair paper in pairs on a topic that will depend on the topic for the 2020 Model WTO and the committee for which the two students are preparing. Chair papers will have to be prepared about a specific topic that is assigned in December 2019 or early in 2020 on the basis of the topic for the 2020 model WTO simulation and linked to the committee for which the students are preparing. Students may express preferences concerning the topics, but the final decision about allocating topics to students is made by the lecturer. Each Chair team will be asked to provide an outline for the assigned topic, and the lecturer will meet with each Chair team to answer questions. There may also be a telephone conference with each Chair team. Papers will have to be submitted early in the spring semester (probably in late March 2020), at least a week before the start of the Model WTO simulation.

(ii) The written exam will include typically three practical and/or theoretical questions (possibly, but not necessarily, including one extensive multiple-choice-type question) and covers the totality of the material covered in the course (lecture content (including slides), discussions, mandatory readings). Examples of previous examinations will be provided. The topics likely covered will be: Trade policy; The WTO's mission, structures, principles and agreements; international trade statistics and current trends; WTO trade negotiations; the WTO negotiating agenda; RTAs; WTO dispute settlement; GATS (services); TRIPS; "Trade and ..." issues (environment, PPMs, labour rights); Development issues; WTO reform; and/or related topics. The written examination will take place in the last session of the autumn term 2019 (second half of December 2019). Examination questions will be based on class work (including the Geneva visit) as well as mandatory readings.

(iii) Active participation will be assessed in terms of attendance in class and the quality and quantity of active participation in class in the autumn and spring terms as well as full attendance at, and participation in, the week-long Model WTO simulation itself.

Examination relevant literature

The list of mandatory readings for the final exam corresponds to the texts collected in the reader that are indicated as mandatory readings as well as the book that will be used (probably D. Collins, The World Trade Organization, 2015) (will not be available from Skriptekommission, but available inexpensively e.g. here: <https://www.bookdepository.com/The-World-Trade-Organization-David-Collins/9781780745787>).

Keep in mind that the final exam is "open book".

Please note

Please note that this fact sheet alone is binding and has priority over any other information such as StudyNet (Canvas), personal databases or faculty members' websites and information provided in their lectures, etc.

Any possible references and links within the fact sheet to information provided by third parties are merely supplementary and informative in nature and are outside the University of St.Gallen's scope of responsibility and guarantee.

Documents and materials that have been submitted no later than the end of term time (CW51) are relevant to central examinations.

Binding nature of the fact sheet:

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral) and examination type starting from the beginning of the bidding on 22 August 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 14 October 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 4 November 2019

Please consult the fact sheet again after these deadlines have expired.